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In re Application of	:	
Hirawa et al.	:	DECISION ON
Application No. 09/485146	:	
PCT No.: PCT/JP99/03028	:	PETITION UNDER
Int. Filing Date: 07 June 1999	:	
Priority Date: 08 June 1998	:	37 CFR 1.137(b)
For: Method of Network Management	:	
and Method of Selection of	:	
Network Manager	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed on 11 June 2002.

BACKGROUND

This international application was filed on 07 June 1999, claiming earliest priority of an application filed on 08 June 1998. The International Bureau transmitted a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 16 December 1999. No Demand electing the United States was filed prior to the elapse of 19 months from the priority date. Accordingly, the 20 month time period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 08 February 2000.

On 03 February 2000, applicants filed *inter alia* the basic national fee.

On 06 April 2000, a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) was mailed to applicants, requiring the filing of an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e).

On 30 May 2001, a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) was mailed to applicants, indicating that this international application had become abandoned with respect to the U.S. for failure to timely respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements filed on 06 April 2000.

Applicants filed the instant petition on 11 June 2002.

DISCUSSION

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set

date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20 (d)) required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

Regarding requirement (1), applicants have filed the required reply in the form of the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e) and a signed declaration..

Regarding requirement (2), the petition fee accompanied the petition.

Regarding requirement (3), the petition includes an appropriate statement.

Regarding requirement (4), no terminal disclaimer is required because the international filing date of this application is later than 8 June 1995.

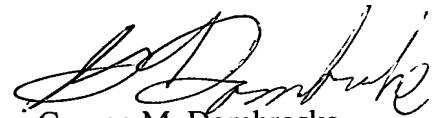
DECISION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch for further processing. The date of this application under 35 U.S.C. 371 is **11 June 2002**.



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